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UPPINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR 1968



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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres).....	24,735
Registrar General's Estimate of Population..	6,560
Number of inhabited houses.....	2,106
Rateable value.....	£165,534
Net product of penny rate.....	£605. 8. 9.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	39	53	92
- Illegitimate	3	1	4
Still Births - Legitimate	-	1	1
- Illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>Rate for</u> <u>District</u>		<u>Rate for</u> <u>England & Wales</u> <u>1968</u>
	<u>Crude</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	
Live Birth Rate	14.6	17.3	16.9
Death Rate	11.3	10.6	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	31		18.3

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	-	4
Other malignant neoplasms.....	3	2
Diabetes Mellitus.....	1	1
Anaemias.....	1	-
Mental disorders.....	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease.....	-	2
Hypertensive disease.....	-	3
Ischaemic heart disease.....	10	8
Other forms of heart disease.....	2	2
Cerebro vascular disease.....	2	8
Other diseases of circulatory system....	2	1
Influenza.....	1	-
Pneumonia.....	1	1
Bronchitis & emphysema.....	1	1
Congenital anomalies.....	1	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality.....	2	1
Symptoms & ill defined conditions.....	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	-
All other accidents.....	2	2
Suicide & self inflicted injuries.....	1	-
	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during the year 1968.

Disease	Under 1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{10}$	$\frac{10}{15}$	$\frac{15}{25}$	$\frac{25}{35}$	$\frac{35}{45}$	$\frac{45}{64}$	$\frac{65}{\text{over}}$	Age unknown
Influenzal Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1968

No new cases were notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Supply

Sources of supply for the district remained unchanged as follows:

(a) Leicester Corporation's Welland Valley borehole to the parishes of -

Uppingham
Lyddington
Thorpe-byWater
Ayston
Bisbrooke
Seaton
Stoke Dry
Glaston

(b) Leicester Corporation's RiverDove source to the parishes of:

North Luffenham
South Luffenham
Morcott
Wing
Preston
Ridlington
Pilton
Belton

(c) Oundle & Thrapston R.D.C's. borehole at Tixover (bulk supply to the parish of Barrowden).

(d) Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board supply to the parish of Caldecott.

(e) Two small parishes are without public main supply, i.e. Wardley (population 22) and Beaumont Chase (population 6). At Wardley a good piped supply is available from a private estate.

Quantity & Quality

No centre of population in the district (excepting Wardley adequately supplied privately) is without public mains supply. Only a few isolated properties are outside the range of water mains. None of the mains supplies have plumbo-solvent characteristics.

The City of Leicester Water Department and the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board have their own arrangements for sampling and examination of water supplies and routine duplicate sampling is considered unnecessary.

Samples have been taken during the year for bacteriological examination of private well waters, and also for plumbo-solvent characteristics.

Water sampling

Samples taken	Supply	Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Bacteriological	Private	16	6	10
	Public	-	-	-
Chemical	Private	3	1	2
	Public	1	1	-

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.
Uppingham School has its own swimming bath for the use of the boys and staff and the public are admitted at certain times.

Name of Parish	Supplied by Mains Water Direct		Supplied by Stand-pipe	
	Houses	Estimated Population	Houses	Estimated Population
Ayston	15	46	-	-
Barrowden	127	393	-	-
Belton	96	291	2	6
Bisbrooke	60	180	-	-
Caldecott	91	282	-	-
Glaston	59	180	-	-
Luffenham North	131	406	4	12
Luffenham South	112	336	-	-
Lyddington	123	368	-	-
Morcott	110	341	1	3
Pilton	8	25	-	-
Preston	73	226	-	-
Ridlington	62	192	-	-
Seaton	57	173	-	-
Stoke Dry	11	34	-	-
Thorpe by Water	12	37	-	-
Uppingham	805	2463	-	-
Wing	102	310	-	-
Totals	22054	6283	7	21

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The sewered villages are -

Barrowden
Belton
Bisbrooke
Caldecott
Glaston
Luffenham, North
Luffenham, South
Lyddington
Morcott
Preston (parts of)
Ridlington
Uppingham and
Wing

The sewered villages include 95% of the population of the district. Schemes are being prepared for three more villages - Ayston, Seaton and the remainder of Preston. When the schemes are complete only about 2% of the population will be outside the sewered areas.

The surface aeration works at Uppingham produced a generally satisfactory effluent during the year, but difficulty was again encountered with the disposal of surplus activated sludge drawn off from the final settling tank. This ultra-fine sludge was sprayed onto grass land. This works requires an excessive amount of technical management.

The Council have continued to exercise compulsory closet conversion powers. The estimated closet accommodation for dwellings at the end of the year was

Pail Closets	49
Water Closets	2057

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A ten-day refuse collection service was maintained. Although restriction of public access to the tip has helped tip control, the latter is still difficult. It is uneconomic to have available daily on such a small tip the equipment and labour necessary for fully controlled tipping. The working party formed with adjacent authorities, to consider combining resources to dispose of refuse more efficiently has so far made no progress. A combination of resources in this field would have much to commend it.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The specialist contractors appointed to do this work were efficient and dealt with complaints quickly and effectively.

The number of complaints of pests received was 31

The number of visits paid to premises was 117

A 10% test bait of sewered villages was carried out and a small follow-up treatment was necessary. In no case was a surface to sewer infestation found. There were 219 visits for sewer baiting.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Particulars given here are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in the report.

Total number of complaints received 44

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered 61

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of re-visits.</u>
Water supplies	15	5
Milk supplies	-	-
Dwellinghouses	64	25
Tents, vans, etc.	9	9
Food premises	51	34
Offensive trades	-	-
Factories and Workshops	7	1
Drainage systems	126	24
Sewage plant	36	396
Slaughterhouses	1	107
Meat and Foods	114	-
Infectious Disease	-	-
Refuse collection and disposal	41	152
Offices and Shops	13	-
Miscellaneous	41	13
Farm premises	17	-
Pests	76	161
	<u>611</u>	<u>927</u>

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Others</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1968	4	5
Issued during the year	4	23
Complied with during the year	5	17
Statutory action necessary	-	5
Outstanding on 31st December, 1968	3	6

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January, 1968	-	4
Issued during the year	-	13
Complied with during the year	-	8
Outstanding on 31st December, 1968	-	5

HOUSING

Grant-aided improvements continued to make the most effective contribution towards modernisation and saving houses from demolition or closure.

The following table shows the grant-aided work carried out in 1968

Schemes	<u>"Standard"</u>		<u>"Discretionary"</u>	
	Owner-occupied	Tenanted	Owner-occupied	Tenanted
Approved	14	7	17	7
Completed	7	2	17	7

The number of unfit houses demolished during the year	1
The number of unfit houses closed during the year	2
The number of unfit houses made fit after formal action	-
The number of unfit houses remedied as a result of informal L.A. action	12
The number of new private dwellings completed	33
The number of new private dwellings under construction at the end of the year	26
The number of Council dwellings completed	8
The number of Council dwellings under construction at the end of the year	19

More dwellings for old people are still needed.

At the end of the year the number of applicants for accommodation on the Council's list approximated 160. Forty-eight applications were from persons outside the district.

FOOD

Milk

Routine milk sampling was not done, due to pressure of duties in other directions.

Meat & Foods

One small slaughterhouses continued in use in the district and 100% meat inspection for the year was achieved.

Carcases Inspected

Animals	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	148	Nil	Nil	722	97	Nil
Number Inspected	148	Nil	Nil	722	97	Nil

Salughtering was suspended for eleven weeks due to restrictions caused by foot and mouth disease.

Amount Rejected (Percentage).

Rejected	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases or parts of carcases	Nil	1	Nil
Organs	13%	3%	1%
Stomachs & Intestines	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most of the organs condemned had parasitic infestations or abscesses.

The standard of the meat trade in the district was good.

Six pounds of corned beef and 384 packets of assorted foods were condemned.

Food Premises

1. No. of premises by type of business

Bakehouses	1
Dairies	1
Butchers' Shops	7
Hotels, Cafes and Inns serving food	11
Grocers' Shops (including Greengrocers, etc).	34
Fish, fried	1
Fish, fresh	1
Premises for sale of Ice-cream	31

Note: Certain premises are automatically included under more than one sub-heading, e.g. Cafes and Ice-Cream premises.

2. No. of Food Premises registered under section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	31
Others	5

3. No. Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

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4. <u>No. of inspections of registered Food Premises</u>	31
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5. Method of disposal of Condemned Food

Burnt or buried at the Council refuse tip.

6. Examination of Food Consignments	Nil
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Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

The number of visits to food premises was again increased compared with the previous year and several improvements to such premises were carried out by owners. The scope for education (of both staff and members of the public visiting food premises) in the principles of hygiene, mentioned in the last report, was still apparent.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was necessary during the year.

A P P E N D I X

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provision as to Health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	1	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	22	7	-	-
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises).	1	-	-	-
	24	8	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Nil

